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de Bruxelles, and had therefore had no occasion either to offer or refuse him his hand.

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rally heen admitted to -view the remains of the man had so ably championed his cause, and it was also natural that he should desire to attend the funeral. effort was now being made to rouse antipassions, Semitic and Madame Zola dreaded lest the interment should disturbed by some horrible riot. She therefore begged Dreyfus to refrain from attending, pointing out him the police authorities, like herself, were of opinion that Ms presence would give rise to great disturbances. M. Drevfus was deeply affected by the request; regarded his ance at the obsequies as a matter of duty to his defender. and felt that everybody would accuse him of cowardice should he hide himself away. At last Madame Zola's entreaties prevailed, and he consented to do as desired. The reports of this interview which appeared in the newspapers checked the Nationalist outcry, and on the funeral, when it had been ascertained that the authorities had decided to take every possible precaution serve order, it was felt that the decision with respect M. Dreyfus might be altered. He was therefore informed that he might attend, and he gladly availed himself of the

permission.

The obsequies were celebrated on Sunday, 5, the presence of a vast concourse of people. The distance from the Rue de Bruxelles to the place of interment, the Montmartre cemetery, was fortunately short, and keep to crowd in check the Place Moncey and the Boulevard de Clichy were lined with police and municipal guards. Two